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“Cloud” hanging over McFadden firing by Police Board, says Starr

(Left) Ward 6 Councillor Ron Starr poses with Ward 10 Councillor Sue McFadden at a dinner event held last month. (Right) McFadden signs the Peel Youth Charter with Peel Police Chief Jennifer Evans earlier this year. (PWN Staff/Submitted Photos)

There’s a “cloud” of questions hanging over a decision by the Peel Regional Police Services Board to fire its chair, says Mississauga Councillor Ron Starr, who is making inquiries into the matter.

“To remove any sort of a cloud, there should be information available. Everyone’s wondering what really happened here,” Starr told the Peel

Weekly News. “I’m going to find out what course of action is available.”

Last week, the board fired Chair Sue McFadden, offering no explanation for the move. It shocked some, including McFadden herself, who released a statement.

“I am thoroughly disappointed with the unilateral action taken by the Peel Police Services Board to purport to re-

move me as chair of the board at its hastily-called special meeting,” she said, adding the board’s decision was made behind closed doors.

Starr says he’s spoken to McFadden, who has hired a lawyer and is considering legal action.

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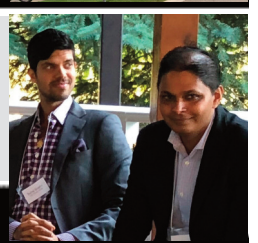
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Butt aims to fill Jim Tovey's "big shoes" in Ward One

by Marco Patrone

The last minute political dominoes continue to fall into place heading into tomorrow's registration deadline, with former Conservative MP Brad Butt deciding to run in Ward One.

He says he's mindful of following in the footsteps of late Councillor Jim Tovey. The popular local politician died suddenly on Jan. 15 at the age of 68 while driving home from a committee meeting.

"Jim Tovey's shoes are big ones to fill," said Butt. "There's no one that doesn't recognize that. The contributions and vision that he has had for the waterfront for the wider Ward One community has been second to none."

Tovey spearheaded Mississauga's sustainable waterfront development. He also pushed to turn the former Lakeview Generating Station site into a mixed-use residential community.

Butt says he may never "hold a candle" to Tovey, but

vows to work hard to make sure "those projects the community greatly supports are carried on."

Butt originally planned to run in Ward 6 where he lives when the current councillor, Ron Starr, announced he was running for Peel Chair.

Those plans changed when Starr dropped out of the race for Chair on Monday, opting instead to run again in Ward six.

"What happens is you start to get calls, texts and emails saying 'Brad you should be a member of council,' you're experienced, you know what's going on. Would you consider running in Ward One?"

He says he took a couple of days to think about it, and have "conversations with people" that encouraged him to run.

"So I'm going to run for Ward One councillor. That's basically what happened. There's nothing clandestine about it."

"We need strong people on



Mississauga council no matter what ward they're in and I think I've got something to

contribute," Butt told the Peel Weekly News.

Butt says if he wins, he'll

move back to Ward One where he grew up, attended high school and bought his first home.

"I'm not a stranger to that ward," he said. "It's a community I've known a long time. I'm not someone parachuting into a ward I know nothing about and never lived in. I was very involved in Port Credit's waterfront festival, Paint the Town Red Canada Day, committee. I served on those committees."

He'll be stepping away from his duties at as Director of Government Relations for the Mississauga Board of Trade.

Butt ran into controversy during his time as MP for Mississauga-Streetsville involving allegations of voter fraud. He ultimately apologized for making false statements.

"I think the important thing is when we recognize we've made a mistake, we own up to it and apologize for it. I'm not going to be

perfect. I'll make mistakes from time to time and we're going to own up to them, fix them and we're going to move on."

He says he's hopeful those past mistakes won't hurt him in his campaign for Ward One councillor.

As far the future goes, he says he has the right kind of "experience and background" that can continue Tovey's work in Ward One.

"Housing is a concern of mine. I come from a housing background. I don't have a magic bullet for affordable housing, but we have to do a better job. The municipalities have to do a better job of working with builders and developers to lower the cost of new housing. That's an area I think I can play a role," he said.

The list of candidates running against him include Stephen Dasko, Larry Mancini, Marco Pedri, Miles Roque, Sharmila Setaram and Kristian Velkoski.

McFadden weighs legal action over firing

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"It doesn't make any sense," he said. "There should be more information available. I must have had a couple of dozen people over the last couple of days saying 'what happened?' There's no information."

In her statement, McFadden said she believes she was booted in "a retaliatory measure following the board's decision to file a complaint with the integrity commissioner that resulted in sanctions against Mississauga councillor Carolyn Parrish for racist and sexist comments she made to me regarding a high-ranking police officer."

McFadden shared the

controversial text messages sent to her by Parrish, which led to the integrity probe, and suspension.

Starr says he's perplexed by the firing after the board took action against Parrish based on McFadden making the offending texts available for scrutiny.

"The very same people who said 'we're going to the Integrity Commissioner and we want action, got action' and then said Sue McFadden you're no longer Chair."

"I have more people who ask me that. I don't know. I have no idea about the reasoning. That's not been made public. All we got was a terse statement saying Sue McFadden is no



Ward 10 Councillor Sue McFadden poses with Peel Police Chief Jennifer Evans and deputy chiefs Marc Andrews and Ingrid Berkley-Brown during a swearing-in ceremony held on Feb. 23, 2018. (Submitted Photo)

longer Chair. How do you figure that out?"

Starr says he's going to see if the matter can be dealt with at regional council.

"Sometimes you think of (the Police Services Board) as the holy grail you don't question because they normally do a good job. I'm going to look into that."

McFadden was on the job less than six months and will remain on the board despite being removed as Chair.

"I was blind-sided. I did not step down or resign the position. I am seeking legal advice on whether the purported removal was illegal," she wrote.

McFadden declined to be interviewed for this story.



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This October, Peel's political landscape will change



Peter Whitaker
Publisher

We're less than two days away from the closing of nominations for this fall's municipal elections, for the Region, Cities and Town, and things are heating up.

The Regional Chair, Town of Caledon, City of Brampton and City of Mississauga mayoral races are in full swing.

With ten candidates entered into the Regional Chair position, including Mississauga's Councillor Nando Iannicca and former Liberal MPP Bob Delaney, these two names have recently joined a frenzied pool of candidates, among them former Ontario PC leader and MPP Patrick Brown.

I would think the muddy waters should clear in the next few weeks with a clear two top candidates. This is too important a position to be taken lightly, and I predict a few will simply drop out, with costs running as high as \$650,000 to run a campaign.

Only the strong will survive this one.

With former MPPs taking a run at municipal positions just after a contentious provincial campaign where they failed to get themselves re-elected, perhaps they should sit out a term and comeback with some knowledge and perspective on the position!

I have no problem thanking them for their time in Provincial office, and anyone who steps forward to represent is to be commended.

As for Mayoral races, Brampton has a slew of persons wanting to unseat Linda Jeffrey. No less than five have entered the fray and at least three could make a legitimate run for the position.

Being cut out to be the Mayor of Canada's sixth largest city will be no easy task, but the advantage of some of the candidates is that they have observed the past four years of poor lead-

ership in that position.

The next Mayor of Brampton should be prepared to deal with the much needed growth and direction the city must make to shed the "poor sister" tag of the surrounding other cities.

The word from the citizens of the city itself is they have missed out on many opportunities to better the city and true leadership could have made the difference. The head coach of a team comes to mind, and to be a head coach, you need to foster and support your players to win.

Council jobs in Brampton won't be easy. This council needs a facelift.

Incumbents are welcome to win their wards and come back, but it better be with a completely different mindset. Each one looks like it will have many challengers, and this is the result of non-performance by the existing Council and Mayor.

55 candidates have stepped up to bring common sense and stability back to Brampton City Council, but again, without a leader and head coach, it won't be easy.

Mississauga's Mayor race is completely different. Mayor Bonnie Crombie had done an excellent job in directing the city over the past four years, with the city enjoying a growth spurt that is well planned and laid out for a long time to come - a good start for the Mayor's first term. As well as being the people's mayor, I'm sure former mayor Hazel McCallion had some influence on that.

A quick look at the other candidates for Mayor shows far less than the 20-plus that ran last time, and we now have three running.

That being said, one is presently up on Police charges and is not in any way Mayor material.

As for Mississauga's Council, while some have done a good job, others have perhaps out served their time in municipal politics. If they haven't already decided not to run, they should. All cities need fresh

faces and ideas, and forty eight have stepped forward to run this fall.

I'm sure will, enthusiasm and some knowledge of the goings on in a city council chamber will be of importance.

As for races, Ward 6 has no less than ten candidates looking to fill Ron Starr's seat, who announced this week that he would no longer pursue the Regional Chair position.

The other race to be watched is Ward 7, the other City Councillor who is also running for the Region's Chair job. Six people are looking to fill that position, and they'd better have some above-average knowledge of growth and building, as Councillor Iannicca's 30 years in that position won't be easy to replace.

While it's the smallest municipality in Peel, Caledon is a lively, vibrant breath of fresh air.

What it does have is land to develop, and with the growth of Brampton and Mississauga nearby, Caledon could cash in on a wave of commuters looking for clean fresh air and space.

This growth will need to be tempered, so as to not upset the beauty and famous scenery in the area. Most of the development will likely take place in the south end of the town.

The Mayor's race has named two candidates to challenge Mayor Allan Thompson - Barb Shaughnessy and Kelly Delaney.

Barb is an existing Councillor who would likely be the only threat to Mayor Allan Thompson, but the kind of leadership Thompson has given Caledon can't be easily replaced. He brings a wealth of experience to the things that will matter to Caledon in the next four years.

As for Council, twenty candidates for ten council positions will make for great race leading up to Oct. 20.

Issues of growth and taxes will be the main topics of discussion.

Good luck to all this fall.



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McFadden's shameful firing aimed at muzzling whistleblowers



Marc Patrone
Columnist

The decision to boot Sue McFadden off her position as Chair of the Peel Police Services Board is a terrible blow to members of the public who value openness from our elected officials and board appointees.

The firing is a blunt instrument, which will have the effect of discouraging would-be whistleblowers from going public about the goings on at boards and in council. One suspects that was the intent.

The Ward 10 councillor was removed from her position as board chair July 19; and apparently given no reason. McFadden says her firing stems from a decision to share "racially insensitive" texts sent to her by Councillor Carolyn Parrish.

Parrish used racially charged insults directed at a black police officer in her texts to McFadden, later found in breach of Peel Region's code of conduct.

"It seems being black and female qualifies people for

promotion, which is dead wrong," Parrish wrote.

In another message, Parrish tells McFadden she had to defend the closing of a police station at the meeting "because the black female superintendent is awful."

You can make the case the texts were sent in confidence and never intended to be shared with anyone, but by staying silent, McFadden would've run the risk of appearing to condone the expression of such sentiments during the course of her duties at the PSB.

She made the ethically proper decision; not realizing her colleagues on the board would've preferred she kept silent.

In a statement, McFadden wrote, "While the board gave no reason for replacing me as chair, I believe this is a retaliatory measure following the board's decision to file a complaint with the integrity commissioner that resulted in sanctions against Mississauga councillor Carolyn Parrish for racist and sexist comments she made to me regarding a high-ranking police officer." "I felt obliged to share



Ward 10 Councillor Sue McFadden poses with Peel Police Chief Jennifer Evans during a community meeting in 2017. (Photo Courtesy of Churchill Meadows Residents Association)

those comments with the board and the chief and am now being punished for doing the right thing," she wrote in the statement.

Isn't McFadden at least owed an explanation?

Perhaps those who booted McFadden prefer to keep their dealings secret. They don't care about what's in the public's interest to know. What better way to discourage such behaviour in the future than by firing someone who "did the right thing."

No good deed goes unpunished at the police board.

"I am thoroughly disappointed with the unilateral action taken by the Peel Police Services Board to purport to remove me as chair of the board at its hastily-called special meeting," McFadden wrote.

"I was blind-sided. I did not step down or resign the position. I am seeking legal advice on whether the purported removal was illegal."

What message does this send to the Peel police official, Ingrid Berkeley-Brown who was the target of Parrish's insults? Is it that

racially charged insults will be tolerated as long as they're kept private?

As painful as those texts were to her, I suspect everyone is better off knowing the toxic mentality of some people on council especially heading into an election. Are we to determine the board would rather keep such sentiments under wraps rather than risk public embarrassment?

McFadden could've just kept the comments to herself, but felt obligated to say something. There is a kind of stealth 'racial insensitivity' which has probably been tolerated for years precisely because no one has exposed it in the past.

McFadden deserves to be lauded for having the courage to speak up. Instead, she's been booted off her position as chair, though she'll still remain a board member.

What a disgrace.

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Mississauga nursing home found negligent in senior's death

A Brampton nursing home has been found negligent in the death of a 77-year-old patient, a court ruled last week.

Sunrise Senior Living Inc., which operates a branch at 4046 Erin Mills Pkwy., was sued by the family of a senior in a case dating back to 2009.

Evelyn Coulson, of Brampton, died after her head became trapped between a mattress and a halo ring, a medical device used to help patients get in and out of bed.

Jury members in the trial heard that Sunrise staff covered Coulson's bruised neck with a towel and did

not disclose the manner of her death. A coroner attending the scene learned of the actual circumstances regarding her death.

"The death of Evelyn Coulson was clearly preventable, said Michael Smitiuch, of Smitiuch Injury Law PC, the lawyer for Coulson's family.

A jury awarded \$640,000 in damages to the family after a four week trial in Brampton court. Their decision found that Sunrise, as well as the manufacturer and the installer of the halo ring, were negligent.

Punitive damages were specifically awarded

against Sunrise, a rarity in Canada. Punitive damages are meant to punish a defendant and are only awarded in specific circumstances including those in which the conduct is highly reprehensible and departs from the ordinary standards of decent behaviour.

"This case is about holding those who played a role in Evelyn Coulson's death accountable," said Smitiuch. "Families need to know that they can trust the people who are supposed to be caring for their elderly parents or relatives."



Amazon boosts Peel presence with Caledon investment

by Alex Gregory

Caledon is set to get a big boost to its business community, as Amazon has confirmed plans to build within the town limits.

The project, which was officially announced Wednesday morning, comes on the heels of a hotly-contested international race to host the on-line provider's second headquarters. Amazon is the first corporation to confirm that they will be placing a facility in the Coleraine Drive area.

Mayor Allan Thompson said he was thrilled with the announcement and was excited to see Amazon join the Town's corporate family. "(Council's priority this term) was to help secure companies that will provide good paying, long term, stable jobs and contribute to the well-being of our community as good corporate citizens," Thompson said in a statement. "We believe Amazon will do just that."

Amazon's investment in the Town follows a number of similar investments by major companies over the

last year, with Mars Canada, Canadian Tire and Agropur Exports purchasing over 1.59 million square-feet worth of industrial space, and adding over 1,100 jobs to the local area. The Town's investment and zoning of the Coleraine Drive industrial lands has added an additional 400 acres of land that's available to build on.

Caledon staff have been working diligently to remove barriers and create a positive environment for job creation, said Mike Galloway, the Town's chief administrative officer. "This commitment by Amazon is

the result of a determined effort by the Town to help bring these types of investments to Caledon."

Peel is still in the running for Amazon HQ2, as the region's bid, factored into the Toronto Global pitch that was sent to the retailer last year, made the shortlist of 20 cities still in the running. An expected 50,000 new jobs are up for grabs for the winning bid.

"Amazon made the right decision to choose the Town of Caledon as the place to grow their business," said MPP Sylvia Jones in a statement Wednesday evening.



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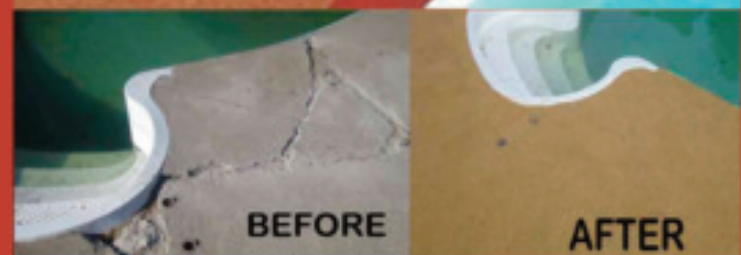
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Brampton medtech company gets license for surgical systems

by Alex Gregory

Brampton's Medtronic announced late last week that a pair of new surgical navigation systems are finally licensed for sale in Canada.

The licensing covers the StealthStation S8 and StealthStation ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) systems, which help surgeons locate structures and instruments in open or minimally-invasive procedures in the body, such as the skull and sinus cavities.

Medtronic's restorative therapies senior director Peter Tomaszewski heralded the approval in a statement last week.

"Improving outcomes for patients and their healthcare providers is

what has been driving us for fifty years," Tomaszewski said. "Thanks in part to contributions from our partnerships with surgeons, we continue to innovate products like our new StealthStation platforms to help reduce complications and improve both the patient and user experience."

The StealthStation ENT system also provides enhanced visualization for surgeons, as well as a Virtual Endoscopy setup which shows a simulated view of sinus cavities, and can be preprogrammed with a patient's preoperative data to allow a surgeon to practice before entering the

surgical suite.

Both StealthStation S8 and StealthStation ENT run on proprietary electromagnetic (EM) tracking technology.

Planning components in the system also allow surgeons to combine valuable patient data and segment structures all integrated onto high-definition touchscreen monitors for 3D visualization.

Medtronic, which is headquartered on Hereford St., is one of the world's largest medical technology, services and solutions companies and celebrated its 50th anniversary earlier this year.



Local students go hands-on at Summer Company

A group of local students are trying their hand at entrepreneurship this summer, thanks to their hard work and the support of the Brampton Entrepreneur Centre and the Summer Company program.

The Brampton Entrepreneur Centre's Summer Company program will work with 15 students to turn their business ideas into a reality.

Summer Company is an Ontario government program for students between ages 15 and 29 that helps them to start their own summer business. The program provides hands-on training, mentorship and financial grants of up to \$3,000.

Supporting new opportunities for youth employment and youth entrepreneurship is an action identified in the City's Economic Development Master Plan. The Plan is a

roadmap for the City to attract jobs, talent and investment over the next 20 years. Helping youth gain practical experience in business has direct connections to future economic growth.

Student businesses for this

year's program include photography, clothing design and retail, arts-based businesses, and graphic design. Along with mentoring and training sessions that are part of the Summer Company program, the students-turned-entre-

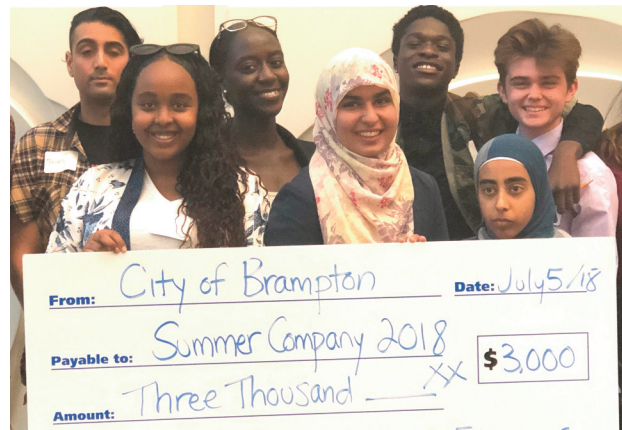
preneurs are juggling their time meeting client needs and generating some initial business income.

This year's participants were selected from more than 120 applicants from Brampton and Caledon.

"We will be watching the Summer Company students with great interest over the summer," said economic development chair Jeff Bowman, in a statement Tuesday evening.

"Among these young entrepreneurs is the next generation of business leaders who will drive economic growth, jobs and investment in Brampton."

For information about the Summer Company program and for updates to apply for summer 2019, visit www.ontario.ca/summercompany.



Loblaws issues chicken nugget ban

Don't touch that nugget.

Loblaw Companies announced Friday that it is recalling packages of No Name Chicken Nuggets (907g packages) which have the best before code "2019 MA 15" or inner bag code "1358M" and UPC 060383896850 sold before July 21, 2018, as they pose a risk to customers who have purchased them.

The company said in a statement that the recalled nugget packages could expose customers to salmonella if they are improperly handled or prepared.

All consumers are advised to properly follow cooking instructions on

food packaging and cook frozen raw, breaded chicken products to a safe internal temperature of at least 74°C (165°F).

The products were sold at local Fortinos, Loblaws, No Frills, Real Canadian Superstore, valu-mart, Independent, Zehrs, Wholesale Club®, and affiliated independent stores.

All affected products have been removed from store shelves. Customers can return the product to any store for a full refund.

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Big data gets big city kudos

Brampton was recognized last week for its GeoHub open data platform with a special award for groundbreaking possibilities in geographical services.

The award was given by Esri Inc., who awarded the city with a 2018 Special Achievement in GIS (Geographical Information Services Award), one of only two awards distributed to Canadian companies.

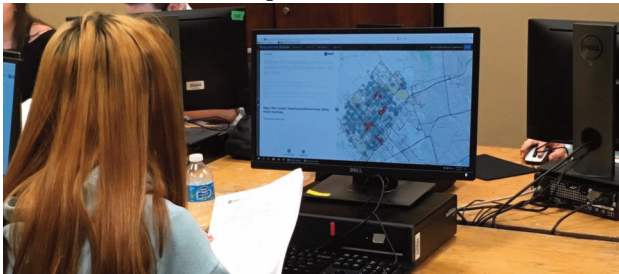
The Brampton GeoHub was chosen from over 300,000 eligible candidates for its effective enterprise implementation of GIS technology to deliver better services.

The GeoHub holds maps,

apps, stories and datasets that highlight what’s happening in the city, including municipal service performance and community measures, an overview of the Brampton 2040 Vision project, and a parks locator.

In a statement, Councillor Gael Miles, the city’s corporate services chair, congratulated the GeoHub team for their achievement.

“Between saving staff time and therefore valuable taxpayer money, and making it easier for all residents to access and use public information, the GeoHub continues to pave the way for an increasingly innovative Brampton,” she said.



New angel network launches in Brampton

by Alex Gregory

It’s official - Brampton has its first new angel investor network.

Last Wednesday, some of the city’s top business leaders, investors and mentors gathered for a launch event held by the CBA Catalysts of Brampton, a collaboration with Cross Border Angels & Exports (CBA).

“I’m proud that Brampton has passionate and dedicated business leaders as part of our large innovative entrepreneurial community,” said Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey. “Bringing these people together through networking and collaboration adds another catalyst for new opportuni-

ties and growth in our City.”

The organization aims to spur local economic development through a global network, online portal and events.

Last week’s event included a panel discussing opportunities available to investors through the Cana-

dian Start-Up Visa Program, which provides funding and permanent residence to entrepreneurs, as well as a panel discussion where six entrepreneurs pitched their businesses to the investors.

“I would like to see Brampton on the global innovation map,” said local resident Ashwin Sanzgiri, vice-president of the Scaale Group. “We already have an eclectic mix of Catalysts that actively participated during the launch in giving feedback to some high quality start-ups and local businesses from across the GTA, including Brampton.”

Sanzgiri says the next step for the group is to connect with local start-ups and stakeholders within Brampton and assign roles to the charter members.

The investor group’s next event is planned for next month.



MBOT TV Weekly Recap



Opinion

The absence of a “safe city” in Brampton



Bruce Marshall
Weekly Column

A summer of guns, death and violence.

Many think, it seems, that throwing money at law enforcement is “the answer.”

Well – in the short term, it is. But in the bigger picture this isn't a law enforcement problem. This is a social problem. And there might be a hint – a cause and effect - of how we're here, now.

Council rings its hands and seeks to study a solution. But we HAD the solution. We just destroyed it, is all.

That solution was Brampton Safe City.

Yeah, yeah, I've heard all the stories. (Full disclosure – former BSC executive director is Larry Zacher is a trusted friend.)

As angry as some wanted to be at Larry for whatever reasons they may have invented – the concept of Brampton Safe City was a valuable one. One that was

copied by other cities.

Just before our own Safe City closed their doors – a delegation came from China to examine the model – and copy it.

Brampton Safe City was before it's time - and the time that it's really needed is NOW.

Firearms incidents in Peel almost doubled from 2015 - 2017. Shots fired in Peel Region have almost quadrupled in that time. Sure, it's great to propose gun amnesties and to hire more cops. But what about if those kids who are part of the problem – weren't?

How about if those kids didn't actually get involved in trouble in the first place – because they were too “in-community” with their neighbourhood?

Safe City did a lot of “soft” things that people are only realizing were valuable. The building of community and familiarity was the biggest thing it did.

One of this city's most active advocates, Rev. Jamie Holtom of North Bramalea

United Church, a Citizen of the Year a few years ago, mused, “Sometimes we don't realize how much something or someone means until they are not here – I wonder if that's the case with Brampton Safe City. We certainly miss their leadership in our city around neighbourhood development and safety.”

Michael J. Gyovai, our 2017 Volunteer of the Year and a candidate for public school trustee in Brampton Ward 7-8 goes further; “The absence of Brampton Safe City as the Community liaison, has left a hole in how we keep our children, youth and families safe and informed across our City and Region.”



Two of our most involved citizens look back on the work of Brampton Safe City as something we're now missing as we address the issues of youth violence in our city.

But for entirely political reasons – we threw it out.

I've spoken to many police officers who share the view that the “fix” to this problem is not solely with the Police Service.

They understand that political leadership on other levels is essential to solving these problems. They understand that police are not the only solution.

Politics - over common sense. We had a lot of that over the past few years. And one of the biggest practitioners of politics over leadership was the Brampton Ward 7-8 city councillor who is now vying for the Ward 7-8 Regional seat.

I have been challenged since the beginning of the new year to step in and counter some of the nonsense that has gone on at Brampton City Council.

I am particularly challenged and encouraged by my good friend and mentor Councillor Gael Miles.

I've had enough of the politricks over leadership.

So I am herewith announcing my candidacy for the Regional Councillor seat for Ward 7-8.

Someone has to step-in and offer leadership, integrity and vision - where we're bereft of that. And I guess that leader will be me.

By the time you read this column – I will be a registered candidate.

Stay tuned! It's going to be fun!

Bruce Marshall is a Toronto voice-actor, a long-time broadcaster with CHUM Radio and a former firefighter. He's active in local political issues in Brampton and is an executive member of the Brampton-Centre NDP.

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Promise Made, Promise Kept

by Sylvia Jones

Throughout the election campaign, families, businesses and seniors often shared with me that their number one issue was the skyrocketing cost of hydro.

That is why Doug Ford committed to firing the Board and the CEO of Hydro One, along with his outrageous salary. Frankly, it is not right for someone to making so much money on a service that people could not afford.

That is why I am so pleased to report that on July 11, the CEO announced his retirement and the Board of Hydro One will resign by Aug. 15, to facilitate an orderly transition to an intervening period. The CEO of Hydro One retired as of July 11, and will receive no severance.

This is truly a great day for Ontario ratepayers and signals a change at Hydro One. It is a change that, along with other measures, will reduce the average hydro bill by another 12%.

We have taken these steps because we understand that

the skyrocketing cost of hydro seen under the previous government was making families and seniors choose between heating and eating.

Taking action to reduce hydro rates will help families make ends meet.

I had also heard from many businesses who were concerned that unless hydro rates were brought under control, they would be forced to let employees go,

or even move their business out of the province.

Tackling the problem of Hydro One's governance is an important first step to making Ontario open for business again. During the campaign, Premier Ford made it clear that one of our government's five priorities would be bringing good jobs to Ontario.

Getting the hydro rates under control will be an essential step to making that

happen.

I am proud that Premier Ford, my PC colleagues and I are delivering on our promises to the people of Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding any provincial issues, or our plan for Ontario, please contact my office at sylvia.jonesco@pc.ola.org, call (519) 941-7751 or drop by my office, located at 244 Broadway in Orangeville.



Virani announces new anti-racism funding

Parkdale-High Park federal MP Arif Virani was in Brampton last week to announce a round of funding that is intended to support anti-racism initiatives and support diverse communities.

The announcement, which was attended by Brampton-North MP Ruby Sahota, comes on the heels of a series of violent incidents that have taken place throughout the city in recent weeks and have fueled online attention via viral videos.

More than \$51 million in new funding is expected over the next three years, including \$21 million earmarked for new projects, plus support for initiatives that support Indigenous peoples and racialized women and girls.

“Community leaders and organizations, of all backgrounds, (are) doing amazing work in our local Brampton community,” Sahota said earlier this week.

“Federal funding like this is available ... (this) is how we work together to build stronger, more vibrant communities,” she continued, pointing to events that promote intercultural and interfaith understanding, and community capacity building as additional examples of initiatives that will benefit newcomers and diverse communities.

Organizations interested in applying for the funding can contact Canadian Heritage at pch.soutienauxcollectivites-communitysupport.pch@canada.ca.



New global tech company opens doors in Mississauga

by Alex Gregory

A technology company with global presence celebrated a very local launch earlier this week.

Cognizant celebrated the opening of its new Mississauga offices at West Credit Ave. with a splashy launch ceremony, featuring appearances by local politicians and discussion of the company's addition to the city's already-growing innovation corridor.

"Mississauga is left out of the discussions about the so-called 'innovation corridor' that stretches between Toronto and Kitchener-Waterloo," said Mayor Bonnie Crombie, who attended the grand opening along with Councillor Pat Saito. "I'm here to tell you - Mississauga is an important destination on the corridor."

Cognizant, which is headquartered in New Jersey, staffs over 260,000 employees and is listed on the Fortune 500. The company helps companies become more innovative and efficient

through the operation of leading technology models, representing business sectors from banking to healthcare.

The company's new 50,000 square-foot facility will staff 400 employees. Executives with the company say they plan to add another 200 staff by the end of this year.

"Mississauga is an important hub for our Canadian operations," said Cognizant executive vice-president Allen Shaheen.

"The Mississauga/GTA region is home to many of our Canadian clients, including the country's leading banks, major insurance companies, and retailers," he said.

The facility features training rooms, a digital lab, a delivery center, and a co-innovation space.

During the event, Crombie spoke about prior discussions with the company about promoting the city's value proposition.

"(This investment) is a

testament to Mississauga's strong position on the innovation corridor and the attractiveness of our city to businesses," she said.

"I look forward to the hundreds of jobs that Cognizant will bring to our City," Crombie added.

Cognizant is also teaming with Seneca College to provide a new technology training program aimed at enhancing skills for current IT professionals, and building skills for students and other individuals interested in pursuing technology careers.

The program is expected to launch this fall with classes offered at Seneca College at no cost to qualified participants. Cognizant's investment in reskilling initiatives is intended to expand local businesses' access to more qualified technology workers, as well as providing additional jobs and career opportunities for area residents.



Algoma celebrates tenth anniversary of Brampton campus



Algoma University marked the tenth anniversary of delivering post-secondary programming to Brampton with a grand opening celebration of a School of Business and Economics campus, which will bring expanded program offerings to the downtown core. Representatives from the business community, Brampton Board of Trade and local dignitaries were on-hand to inaugurate the launch, which included presentations on programs, refreshments and recognition of Algoma's efforts to deliver a wide suite of programs to students in the city. (Supplied Photo)

Bus tours offered for new Brampton residents

Next month, Brampton will offer bus tours to teach residents about the city's history and available services.

The family-friendly bus tours, which will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 21 and Thursday, Aug. 23, are part of a long-running community program offered in partnership between the city's recreation division, Brampton Library and Brampton Transit.

The tours are an exciting way for new residents to learn about the services that can support their day-to-day lives, said Mayor Linda Jeffrey.

"The hands-on learning and personal touch offered in this program help to make our city a friendlier place for everyone who settles here," she said in a statement Wednesday.

During the three-hour trip, participants will explore a library branch and see the resources that are accessible to them, ride a Brampton Transit bus and learn about the city's transit map and PRESTO cards, and visit a community centre to learn about recreation opportunities and facility amenities.

Participants will also take part in informative and entertaining activities, with quizzes and prizes to keep things educational and fun.

Registration is now open for residents who moved to the city after Jan. 1, 2015.

For more information, contact the Brampton Library at 905.793.4636, or visit the Brampton recreation website at www.brampton.ca/recreation.

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Golfers support the disabled this fall in Caledon tournament

by Alex Gregory

A charity tournament benefitting the physically disabled is set to be one of the region's biggest events, as the annual Cruisers Sports Golf Tournament takes over the Caledon Country Club this September.

Having operated since 1981, Cruisers has evolved into one of the largest

sports organizations in the province for people with physical disabilities, with over 125 members operating in a volunteer capacity.

Among other achievements, Cruisers coaches and athletes have represented both the organization and Canada at many national and international events, including the Para-

lympics, World Championships and Pan-Am Games.

The charity golf tournament is the largest fundraising event of the year, with net proceeds from supporting the Cruisers' programs and the specialized equipment needed to participate in various sports.

Sponsorship and donation opportunities are also open for participants, including hole sponsors and title partnerships.

Tickets are \$190 per golfer. For more information, to register or make a sponsorship, visit the tournament website at cruisers-sports.com/events/golf.shtm.



Will DeRozan Deal Be Good For Raptors?

by Aldo Ferrone

DeMar DeRozan arrived in Toronto in 2009 as the Raptors' first round pick. At the time, nobody really believed he would amount to much.

He was tall and skinny, a bit uncomfortable and more than a little unconventional. He didn't shoot or pass particularly well nor did he have anyone believing he would amount to much.

Eventually he grew into one of the better scorers in the NBA, an all-star, as well as an Olympian. He was arguably the heart and soul of a Raptors team that just could not get over the hump.

While the last few regular seasons were promising, they always seemed to run into the Cleveland Cavaliers and one of the greatest players of all time in LeBron James. The 2017-2018 saw Toronto finally win the Eastern Conference, and with it the #1 seed after a franchise record 59 wins.

With a struggling Cavaliers team finishing fourth in the conference, many people thought this could be the year the Raptors make a deep run, perhaps winding up in the NBA Finals.

After a hard-fought six game series against the Washington Wizards, they would run into their old nemesis in LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers

in Round 2.

After an excruciating overtime loss in Game 1 that Toronto could have and should have won, LeBron took over and the Cavaliers would never look back in sweeping the series. Raptors fans knew that changes were forthcoming if they were ever going to make their way to the NBA Finals.

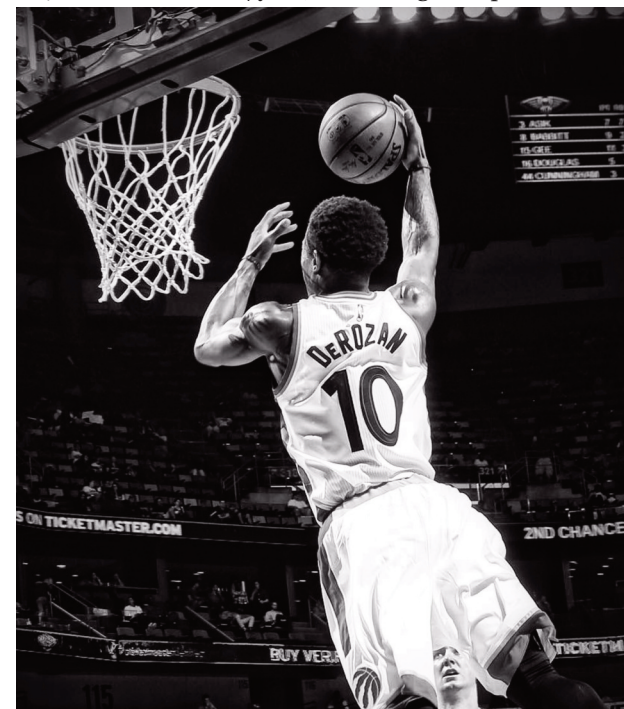
Not surprisingly, head coach Dwane Casey was shown the door and replaced by assistant coach Nick Nurse. Many people in basketball circles felt this move came one year too late.

Despite continually improving on their regular season record, the Raptors were swept out of the playoffs in three of the last four seasons. As we all know in sports, athletes are not paid to win in the regular season.

Unfortunately, a record-setting regular season of 59 wins could not save Casey's job, and eventually he ended up as the new Detroit Pistons head coach.

The question then became what personnel changes were coming. The feeling from both the front office and fans everywhere was that this team was not capable of taking the crazed fans at the ACC and Jurassic Park, as it is known, to the promised land.

With two large contracts on the books, those being that of DeMar DeRozan at \$27.8 million dollars/year,



as well as Kyle Lowry's \$33.3 million/year contract, fans were wondering if management would move either contract.

President Masai Ujiri shocked everyone, including DeMar himself, by pulling the trigger last Wednesday

in trading away DeRozan, Jakob Poeltl and a 2019 1st round pick to San Antonio in exchange for perennial su-

perstar Kawai Leonard and 3-point specialist Danny Green.

one of the best all around players in the league, has sustained serious injuries the last couple of years.

While DeRozan is a four time all-star, the big knock against him and the Raptors has always been defense.

During the 2015-2016 season, when the Raptors were scoring at a such a furious pace that they were in the top 5 in the entire NBA, coach Casey continued to stress defense. Nevertheless, the Raptors seemed to think they could just outscore everyone, however, as the saying goes, "defense wins championships."

The inability of Casey to have his players conform to his way of thinking may have eventually sealed his fate.

In Kawai Leonard, the Raptors get a former Finals MVP and NBA Champion in 2014, a two-time all-star, a two-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year and a three-time NBA All-Defensive first team player.

Leonard brings the defensive pedigree that the Raptors have been craving for years and is certainly the most decorated player to ever wear a Raptors uniform. When healthy, Leonard is considered one of the top 5 all-around players in the NBA.

When you compare the

regular season statistics of DeRozan and Leonard, DeMar has a slightly higher points/game average, while Kawai's field goal percentage of 49.5% is 5 points higher than DeMar. As the league has become highly dependent on the 3 point shot over the last few years, Leonard's % of 38.6 is significantly higher than DeMar at 28.8%.

For some reason, nobody seems to be talking about Danny Green, who also came over in the trade. He is a very good utility player who can also shoot the 3, as evidenced by his career 39.5% career average.

Whether this trade turns out to be a good deal for the Raptors remains to be seen. The Raptors get one of the best all-around players in the league, when healthy, in Kawai Leonard.

His pedigree and experience should prove invaluable. The Spurs get a good player in return in DeMar DeRozan. The knock on DeMar has always been his defense which has traditionally been a hallmark of coach Popovich and his 5-time champion Spurs. The upcoming season should go a long way in determining whether the DeRozan deal was good for the Raptors.



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Local Golfer Living her Dream on the LPGA Tour

by **David Robinson**

When 26 year-old Brittany Marchand was growing up in Mississauga, her first sport was figure skating.

After a few visits to the driving range and the local golf course, she was soon hooked on what would become a blossoming career as a professional golfer.

Brittany started playing with her grandfather Lawrence at age seven, and was competing in junior golf tournaments in towns around southern Ontario by the time she was 12.

Her home course back then was Brampton Golf Club.

Her parents moved the family to Orangeville when Brittany was 10. Brittany kept playing and moving up in the rankings as a junior.

She began playing at Shelbourne Golf Club and was getting noticed as a future star. The Pepsi/Titleist Junior Tour was around back then and Brittany kept piling up points.

College scouts were watching and they were soon knocking on her door.

Not only could Brittany hit them long and straight, but she could excel in academics as well. In her senior year in high school she secured a full ride NCAA scholarship to North Carolina State University.

She was on a golf scholarship and would study Chemical Engineering. Her natural affinity for math made engineering an easy choice.

Her scores in the college tournaments were good enough for her to quit school and go pro early but that was not the plan for Brittany. She realized that a pro golf career was risky, so she stuck out the academics and got her degree in Chemical Engineering in 5 years.

With a degree as a fall-back position, she went to golf Q school and qualified straight away. She turned pro in 2015 and immediately began competing in the Symetra

Ladies tour which is a development tour for the LPGA.

With one year under her belt on the Symetra Tour, she made her debut on the LPGA Tour in 2016 in Hawaii.

She is now in her third year on the LPGA tour, and so far in 2018, she has competed in 10 events. She is ranked 88th on the money list, with \$96,784 in earnings thus far in 2018.

She is now the second ranked Canadian on the LPGA tour behind Brooke Henderson of Smith Falls. In all, there are currently five Canadian ladies on the tour.

The ladies tour plays a course that averages 6500 yards. Brittany uses Callaway clubs and bag and Titleist pro V1 balls.

She considers her strength to be putting and scrambling when she is in trouble.

Brittany now lives full time in North Carolina. Her idol growing up was Anika Sorensen, and she feels that she emulates

her game.

Brittany is represented by Elliott Kerr, a local sports agent and the owner of Landmark Sports, the Mississauga Steelheads of the OHL and the Mississauga Marathon.

When asked what her post-career golf career looks like, Brittany commented that she has no interest in coaching but might like to combine her knowledge of golf and her engineering degree to design golf clubs.

Hats off to this young lady to have the courage to follow her dreams and make it a reality.

Dave Robinson is a 36 year Mississauga resident with a passion for a variety of sports including, hockey, skiing, snowshoeing, triathlon, golf and windsurfing.

When he is not writing about sports, he can be found running the Credit River trails or riding his bike out toward Milton.



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Mississauga’s SmartStop re-ups Steelheads sponsorship

SmartStop Asset Management, a diversified real estate company that manages 135 self-storage facilities in Canada and the United States under the SmartStop Self Storage brand, has signed on once

again to sponsor the Mississauga Steelheads for the 2018-2019 Ontario Hockey League (OHL) season. The company has sponsored the team for the past five seasons, according to a press release.

The new season will run Sept. 21 to Mar. 17. Pre-season exhibition games begin on Aug. 31. The Steelheads will compete against 19 other OHL teams comprised of players ages 16 to 21. The OHL

is one of three major junior leagues that make up the Canadian Hockey League, whose season culminates in a tournament for the Memorial Cup. “We are excited to sponsor the Mississauga Steelheads for their upcoming season, and cheer on a motivated and talented team of young hockey players as they compete for the league playoffs and championship title,” said SmartStop CEO H. Michael Schwartz in a statement earlier this week.

SmartStop operates an 800-unit facility at 3136 Mavis Road. Based in Ladera Ranch, Calif., the company has approximately \$1.5 billion of real estate under management. Its self-storage portfolio comprises nearly 10 million rentable square feet. It’s also the sponsor of Strategic Storage Growth Trust Inc., Strategic Storage Trust II Inc. and Strategic Storage Trust IV Inc., all public non-traded real estate investment trusts focused on self-storage assets.



Major Lacrosse Excelsiors Eliminated While Junior A’s Move Onto Second Round

by **Brendan Lang**

In major series lacrosse action for the Excelsiors, this week would ultimately decide their playoff fate. Brampton played one game on July 19 at home against Oakville, but would end up coming out on the wrong end of an 11-6 score, crushing their postseason hopes for the 2018 summer campaign. Now, eliminated from playoff contention, they have one game remaining on their schedule which will take place tonight. With one game remaining they are locked into fifth place out of six teams for this year’s standings. Over in Junior A, the Brampton Excelsiors won game five of their first round playoff series against the Mimico Mountaineers to allow them to advance to the league semifinals.

In the semifinals they are taking on the eighth seed Toronto Beaches, who surprisingly won their first round series in five games as well. In game one of the best of seven series this past Sunday, Brampton beat up on the Toronto squad, winning by a substantial margin 10-2. It was a quick turnaround for both teams as they travelled back out to Toronto after game one was held in Brampton. This past Monday, the Excelsiors were once again victorious over the Beaches 10-6. They will now head back to Brampton for game three tonight at 8 p.m., where the Excelsiors will look to take a commanding 3-0 series lead.



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Jambana makes new home indoors for 2018

by Alex Gregory

The annual Jambana festival is making a jump to a new pair of Brampton venues, just in time for its tenth anniversary.

The annual reggae and roots festival, which first started in 2008 at the Markham Fairgrounds, is making the move this year to the Rose Theatre and CAA (formerly Powerade) Centre for the Aug. 5 - 6 weekend.

"Brampton is the 'home' of Jambana," said event organizer Denise Jones, who explained in an interview last week that the original festival was conceived in the city and is where the festival's producers, Jones & Jones Productions, hail from.

The move to Brampton was a big step for the festival, but also made sense for many reasons., she said.

"We are moving to a city where we have produced a number of very successful Reggae events. Brampton has a real hunger for Jam-

bana, and now that we are heading indoors, there is no need for people to drag along their lawn chairs and umbrellas to the see the shows."

The festival offers a one-of-a-kind experience featuring arts, music and food that reflects Canada's diversity, and features a variety of acts representing dancehall, afrobeat, gospel, soca genres and more.

Both the Rose Theatre and the CAA Centre have much better seating options and convention hall-style setups, which are better suited to the crowds versus the previous open-field setup at the Fairgrounds, said Jones.

On Aug. 5, the Rose will kick off the festivities from 7:30 - 11:39 p.m. with reggae ambassadors Third World Band, along with dancehall superstar Govana. The night will also feature performances from many Canadian musicians, including Juno Award winners Kirk Dia-

mond and Korexion, all-female reggae band Raysolution and more.

The following night (Aug. 6), CAA will rock the night from 1 - 10 p.m. with a headline performance by Grammy-nominated reggae

superstar Stonebwoy, plus Juno Award winner Exco Levi and Grammy nominees Luciano and Marion Hall (Lady Saw).

The CAA Centre will also host "Villages", giving guests the chance to go beyond the

music with a variety of community tournaments, activities and vendors representing a variety of cultures and locations in Jamaica, the Caribbean, Africa, and beyond.

A limited number of seats

available for both days, and fans are being advised to purchase tickets before it they sell out.

For more information on the festival, visit www.jambana.com or call (905)452-1911.



Rowing club celebrates 140 years with tributes and tradition

One of Canada's oldest rowing clubs celebrated a milestone this past weekend with a lot of laughs - and tributes to people and traditions.

The Don Rowing Club, located at the foot of the Credit River, celebrated its 140th anniversary with past and present members coming out in full force to honor several key figures who helped them teach generations of rowing enthusiasts, via a christening ceremony for seven new boats.

Founded in 1878 by the Christie Brothers, the club grew from an informal meeting spot into the base for generations of professional athletes to hone their craft, including local legends like Olympic-winning rower Silken Laumann.

The club's continued success over the years is a testament to the people who've helped shape it as a premier destination for rowers of all ages to get better at the sport, said club director

Nick Toulman.

"We recognize all of the work that all of the staff and rowers put in each and every year," said Toulman, who pointed to the spirit of harmony and trust as key attributes that everyone abides by. "Without it, we can't grow."

Among the tributes was a special presentation by the family of former coach and Mississauga News photographer Fred Loek, who passed away in 2015.

Friends and family members spoke about Loek's love of the river and his dedication to teaching many young rowers, which was a lifelong pursuit.

"Fred was a scholar and an amazing rower... we want to ensure that his legacy lives on," said club member Abigail Lococo.

The event also included the christening of a boat called Missinnihe, with representatives from the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation in attendance.



Headwaters hosts equestrian fare at film fest

by Alex Gregory

This past weekend, a “stable” of programming representing the best in equestrian fare was in full trot during the first-ever Canadian stop for the EQUUS Film Festival.

The festival, held at the Town Hall Opera House in Orangeville, brought hundreds of equestrian lovers, film enthusiasts and arts and culture fans to the heart of the town for a suite of films centered around horses and farm life.

Along with multiple filmmakers in attendance, Headwaters Tourism CEO Michele Harris was on-hand to welcome the crowd and introduce the festivities during a VIP reception. Guests had the chance to walk the red carpet and mingle with sponsors, festival founders and filmmakers to gain a better insight into the entries on display.

Harris also announced during the reception that Touchwood Design Inc., a local Caledon firm, won the Applied Arts 2018 national award for Advertising Illustration, for their promotional

designs for the festival.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP and Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Sylvia Jones was on-hand to introduce the festival's filmmakers and ring in the screenings, which included 19 films from across the world.

Films were screened in blocks including a morning of Free Family Films presented by Victoria Phillips and Janna Imrie, Headwaters Country, Royal LePage RCR, Saturday afternoon and evening blocks sponsored by RAM Rodeo Tour and Sunday Films presented by Caledon Equestrian Park.

A number of filmmakers were present for the opening ceremony, including Bruce Anderson (The Edge), Miranda and James O'Connor (The Edge), Julianne Neal (The Rescue Series) and Stefan Morel (Here). Special guests also making an appearance included Lorie Duff (Liberty Lane Farm), future participant in the Gobi Cup Filipe Masetti Leite (Journey America) and equine artist Manuela Stefan.



(L-R) EQUUS Film Festival founder Lisa Diersen, Headwaters Tourism board member Maria Britto and EQUUS/Headwaters Tour Stop executive producer Karen O'Brodivich pose during a red carpet reception for the festival on July 20, 2018.

(Photo by Diana De Rosa)

Walkers Take the Runway to Raise Money for Charity

by Alex Gregory

Community advocates will take the runway next week to raise funds for charity - only it will be at an airport instead of a fashion show.

The fifth annual "Light Up the Runway" walk takes place next Thursday (Aug. 2), bringing walkers from all across Peel Region to raise funds for Bethell Hospice in Inglewood, via a nighttime trip down the 3,500-foot runway at the Brampton-Caledon Airport as it's lit hun-

dreds of candles.

Organizers say this year's goal is to raise \$30,000 for Bethell, the only residential hospice serving Caledon, Brampton, Dufferin County and West Woodbridge.

The hospice is a non-profit that has long roots in the community, having offered palliative care since 1991 and residential palliative care treatment since 2010. Bethell also provides services and programs

to the community free of charge to individuals or families with life-limiting illnesses.

This year's event will also feature a pre-walk barbecue and a performance from inter-generational ensemble Caledon Concert Band.

There's still time to make a donation - visit bhf.akaraisin.com/LUTR2018 for more details and to register, donate or purchase a candle.



Corvettes steal the show at Brampton fundraiser



As part of the kickoff for the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics Ontario, Bramalea Lions Club hosted the annual Corvette Club show this past Sunday, with hundreds of visitors in attendance to see new and old Corvette models that were judged and voted on by the public, along with door prizes, raffles and more. The long-running car show was first held by Brampton Corvette Club in 1981, and has since grown considerably since then, featuring American muscle cars, unique variants and many others. Special Olympics Ontario will be hosting activities for the Ontario Summer Games from Aug. 10 - 12, with several planned throughout Peel. For more information, visit www.specialolympicsontario.com. (Photos by Lachman Balani)

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Versatile Vikas scores again with Bollywood Monster Mashup!

by **Lachman Balani**

Summer's here and everyone is in a festival mood!

One of the long standing free annual South Asian festivals in Peel Region is the Bollywood Monster Mashup, which had its maiden year in 2011 when the Indian International Film Academy (IIFA) Awards came to Toronto.

Since then, it has widened its scope and regularly brings in amazing Bollywood superstars and singers. This year, the headliners were Khushboo Grewal (voice of Canadian-born actress Sunny Leone, who has made it big in Bollywood) and Aman Trikha (voice of Salman Khan and Canadian Akshay Kumar - both big time actors of Bollywood).

Needless to say, this past weekend Mississauga Celebration Square was packed to the brim on both nights with cheering fans.

Besides these two show stoppers, the festival also promoted local talent, presenting many budding children and teenagers as well as seasoned performers. There were also cooking demonstrations as well.

Needless to say, lots of food stalls were available to satisfy everybody's fancies and kiosks devoted to trinkets and other knick knacks also dotted the grounds.

Bollywood Monster Mashup is the brainchild of award-winning Vikas Kohli and his multicultural team who, under the banner of the non-profit organization MonstrAR-Tity Creative Community, not only produce this event, but also the Monster Rock Orchestra and the Monster World Mashup.

Vikas Kohli is an extremely versatile personality, who is not only

well-versed in South Asian music, but is very familiar with world music. He is known to have even

quoted the famous Grateful Dead lyrics: "what a long strange trip it's been," to describe his journey.

Mississauga MPPs Nina Tangri and Rudy Cuzzetto were on hand to address the audience and to honor

Vikas with a certificate of appreciation.



Abuse – Many Ways, Many Times, Many Collaborators

by **Elizabeth Banfalvi**

I sat in the audience at the "Dispelling Darkness" workshop, presented at the Sampradaya Theatre in Mississauga. This workshop is being presented by the Sampradaya Theatre, Sawitri Theatre Group, Punjabi Community Health Services and the Art Gallery of Mississauga.

There were several brave women who came forward to tell their stories and many helpers to make this a success and bring it out in the open. The audience was asked to participate by asking questions or telling experiences as a closing.

We don't realize how many women have experienced abuse and their children witness it. So many also stated that it was their children who finally gave them the strength to walk away and build their lives without the abuser.

I also know what they have gone through. I know personally, but also professionally.

I was also bullied in school. At that time, it was physical, not like it is on a computer and for everyone to know what is going on.

The support the abusers get from their allies surpasses the original abuser. They stand back and either support the abuser or stay quiet. Which is worse?

I worked for a large company and I complained about one of my male directors, which I am entitled to do according to them. I had a list of complaints and went through the proper process to present it to HR and my admin supervisors all women.

Eventually, I was called in and told I had a complaint about me and it was serious. There were four female supervisors and another on the speaker phone. They refused to tell me what I had said and who complained about me.

I refused to accept it because of the unfairness of not being able to defend myself. The complaint went on my record and it still wasn't shown to me. My director didn't have any repercussions, but during a small meeting with the human resources representative, they basically confirmed my complaint was irrelevant because of his position.

People are hesitant or incapable of complaining against their supervisors because of this very same process. We are told we have rights but don't abuse them. So where are our protectors in the workforce?

These women who came forward in the great Me Too Movement were so brave and the reaction they received was disbelief and all "they want you to be aware how common sexual harassment and assault really is".

This is not a modern day happening. It has been going on forever.

It amazes me how often it does happen. Just look at the television programs like the Real Housewives and you will see how rampant abuse is. They won't call it that, but the fact that they have to continually rampage against someone until they leave or totally capitulate is actually abuse.

Victims of abuse aren't just women but men, children and even animals. Abuse takes away their natural rights to feel, see, hear, speak, eat and smell.

They have to get their victims to realize they have no

rights other than what they give them. They have to make them believe that they are lucky to have their abusers.

Abuse comes in many colours and guises. Rights are compromised and removed. Abuse as much as it seems more powerful is actually performed by fearful people lacking in confidence and power.

Just as rape is actually a criminal act, not a power play, tells us that it is wrong. Abuse is what destroys the abuser but not its victim. The victim can and will survive and the abuser needs to find another victim.

Abusers come in so many sizes and genders and they abuse their own genders also. Being single for so many years, the people who have treated me the worst are women, not men. They need to have the power of telling me that I lack because I am not like them and undeserving of having someone.

Of course, they aren't happy either, so they have to make me as unhappy so they have a semblance of happiness.

If we think of war and uprisings, that is abuse in a larger format. Think of all that is accomplished in that

– murder, rape, human atrocities – all forms of abuse by a group of people who need to show their power that they believe is greater than others.

What can we do to stop this? We need to be able to speak out and stand up for ourselves and all of the other victims in the world.

We need to start being believed and honoured in what and who we are. Businesses, governments and police have to start to believe and understand what is going on here and not be part of the problem.



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Health and Wellness - Meditative Hands

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Our hands – do we realize how often we use our hands?

Hands pick up large objects, perform heavy labor, hold small objects and perform detailed work. We have the dexterity to use tools and also to have a forceful grip. We have fingers, palms, the back of the hands and wrists.

Our hands are so simple, yet so unique and amazing.

What do you see when you look at your hands? Lay your hands on a flat surface and check how they look. Are they flat on the surface? Are they stiff? Are they soft and more rounded? What colour are your hands? How do they feel?

Lift your hands from the surface. Can you feel all your fingers or are they just a lump? Wiggle your fingers and feel them release. Shake your hands like you are shaking off water. How does that feel?

Clench your hands as hard as you can and then open them completely stretching out from the wrist to the tips of fingers. Repeat several times and feel the difference every time you try to re-clench them.

Again, lay your hands on a flat surface and check them out again. Are your hands different? Are they more relaxed?

When I do any stress relief workshops, so often I see people with clenched hands, fingers intertwined and almost without circulation because their grip is so tight. I start with getting them to release their hands and just lay them flat on their thighs or table or just relax them with thumb and forefinger softly touching.

Their demeanor changes and they can't believe how much they relax.

It is amazing how much stress we hold in our hands. If you think about how often we hold objects like a cell phone, a mouse or computer and our fingers and hands are in the same pose, we don't realize we need to release the tension.

One other thing I realize is that emotions are shown through our hands. We clutch and hold and it is difficult to release. The tightness we feel in our lives is reflected in how we hold our hands.

Check your hands when you are in a difficult situation or in

an argument. They will show you your inner emotions.

Once you can release them through your hands, you will feel better and more able to “handle” your problems.

I shake hands and that is the first sign of how a person is feeling is when we shake hands. Some people can't engage and you only receive part of the hand and nothing more. Others shake my hand so hard, I wonder if I have any broken bones. Talk about someone making a statement of power.

Another is a “wimpy” handshake which could mean a lack of confidence or feeling of value. It is all in their hands.

When we are relaxed, we feel more confident in how we physically feel and that connects with our emotional state. They are connected.

In meditation and yoga, there are many hand poses and each gives us a little extra feeling. Why does this matter?

No matter where we are, there are energies all over and even the moon gives us a different energy. Place your hands palm upwards and be

aware of how that feels.

Now place your palms facing downward and be aware of the feeling. Which felt more vulnerable – probably facing upwards? It is more open to everything around you but palm downwards is more contained to your energy.

In meditation, we usually touch the thumb to forefinger to contain the energy we feel within ourselves. This helps revitalize us and helps to circulate our energy within us.

Why is that important – because we can close off external energies. Try it and be aware of how it feels. It definitely protects us from all the external energies around us. Use this hand position if you are in a difficult situation or with someone who bothers you.

There are other hand positions you can use if this isn't the most comfortable. Simply (1) put your hands together in a relaxed squared position – palms together fingers wrapped softly around the back of your hands. (2) Touch your thumb with any other finger and just softly hold it there. (3) Place your left hand

down palm facing upwards, and then place the other hand also palm facing upwards on top thumbs touching. (4) Hold the prayer position in front of the breastbone with thumbs touching. This exercise is very relaxing.

I am also a reflexologist who

works on hands. No matter how sore my patient's hands are, they always walk away more relaxed after a session.

Hands – they reach out, hold, stroke, write, and so many other things. What would we do without them?



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